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Diary no. D.

Summer collecting trip  
July and August 1934

First skin of mammal

135-9

First box 346

July 2 Started late in the afternoon from Chengtu by boat. We had some trouble securing passports because of the inefficiency of some Chinese clerks but are finally supplied with plenty of passports.

We reached Chiling in the afternoon of July 4, and sent the Smithsonian skins up to the Baptist compound for storage.

On the morning of July 5 we started for Mount Emei, arriving July 6, about 11 AM. I have with me on Mt Emei Mr. Peix of the West China Union University and Yao, the menter.

July 7

Bought a baby black monkey. We are working at insect catching but yields is medium so far.

July 10.

We have a few good frogs &c. So far no snakes.

July 17

The Black's monkey is no 1359. Filled Box 346 insects value \$3.00

Box 347, mammal skin no 1359.

Box 348 insects, \$3.00

This morning my wife had a very bad case of palpitation of the heart. It certainly scared me.

I am preparing to leave tomorrow for the summer collecting trip.

yesterday Mr. Pen got  
a wild rat, mammal  
1360.

July 18 Went to Kiating. On the  
way a coolie became so ill  
it looked as though he would  
die. Chinese were going to  
bleed him and do other  
things that would probably  
have injured him or possibly  
caused his death. I took  
charge, and had him on  
his feet in a short time.  
It looked like a marvellous  
cure to the Chinese, and  
they thought I used very fine  
medicine.

I expected the Suifu  
boat to be ready for one at  
Kiating, but there was  
a bad slip-up and  
no boat had been engaged.  
We had to take our

loads to the home of  
the Jensens and try to hire  
a boat. The boatmen began  
to ask exorbitant prices.

July 19. The boatmen were so  
unreasonable in their prices  
that I took the steamer to  
Suifu. The steamer  
turned out to be cheaper  
by one half, and saved  
a day's travel for us, excepting  
that for the shipment of  
mammal skins I will  
have to pay extra freight  
charges. By taking the  
steamer I reach Suifu  
today instead of tomorrow  
afternoon.

8 P.M. We reached  
Suifu just before  
dark. With Suifu  
old friends to help  
we got off the

steamer and through  
Customs nicely.

Mr. Lumpkins  
entertained me at  
his home and helped  
out in many ways.

July 20. I got up early and  
went to the steamer to  
forward the specimens. The  
price charged was very  
reasonable. They called  
on the Military official and  
the Civil Magistrate. They  
received me very cordially  
and gave me additional  
passports. A runner was  
appointed to escort us. Mr.  
Lumpkins appointed his  
business manager to  
help so we were able to  
travel all afternoon so  
we are a day faster than if  
we started tomorrow. The

magistrate gave me some  
very fine tea leaves.

We started right after  
dinner and took a small  
boat to San Kuang.

Had to take two boats  
to Yoh Riv. Arrived after  
dark. Went to the  
Yoh Riv militia to secure  
an escort. Fired.

July 21. Traveled through  
Sa Ho E (SA-HO-E) to  
Hua Jan' Chia<sup>2</sup>. Eighty  
li. Had a soldier  
escort most of the way.  
There is one place  
called Ila-Er-O where  
robbers occasionally  
appear. During the  
day it rained most  
of the time so we  
caught nothing. The  
rain became a

downpour just before  
we reached our  
destination. Our  
bedding and clothing  
got wet. At Hua Lan  
Chiao I met some  
old Chinese friends.  
I am in territory  
where I travelled and  
worked more or less  
for twenty years, so  
I meet old friends  
in nearly every village.  
There are yellow  
monarchs a few miles  
from this place.

July 22. Reached Kongshien  
about 1 PM. Met magistrate  
and local official at  
Cheh Jia Yu where I  
expected to collect first.  
Also met a local  
chief. Spent part of

the afternoon fixing  
nets &c. for the  
meant weather.  
23 We got up at the first  
break of day. The coolies  
have gone very tired,  
and the road is bad, so  
I had to stop at  
Li<sup>3</sup> Long<sup>4</sup> Shui<sup>3</sup> for the  
night. There is  
evidence of a regular  
cloudburst in this  
section. Roads are  
in bad condition.  
It was cloudy all day,  
so there were not many  
insects. So far it has  
not been a good time for  
collecting.  
After supper the  
educational director  
and the military officer  
of the town came and

requested me to let the crowd hear the bicrada, which I did. We had quite a long visit.

24 Reached Chesi Jia geo. We are living in a temple used by the militia and the town school is in this three months <sup>came building</sup> ago robbers raided this place, killed four, and wounded many, taking rifles and looting.

We got some strange butterflies in one place, a large stream comes out of the mountain side. There are lots of leopards around

here, but they are hard to find. There are also bands of monkeys.

I went hunting but found nothing.

This morning I climbed a high mountain to hunt monkeys. I saw them but did not get a shot at them.

Then I went down the valley.

The four netters have to do only ~~day~~ netting because the moon is at its full and is shining all night we are in bad luck for night moths for they can not be caught by night lanterns when the moon is at its full

Robby's made a raid  
only five miles <sup>15 mi</sup> from  
here today and it  
is feared that they  
may raid this place  
soon. The militia is  
much excited, will  
have to clear out of  
here tomorrow afternoon;  
and sees a safer  
place in which to  
collect.

This is a paradise  
for geologists, as there  
is a great abundance  
of fossils, we are  
gathering a few.

July 26 In the morning I went to  
the home of Yang Long Tsang  
who was buried to death  
last fall. The four netters  
worked for day inside  
in the afternoon we

travelled to Li Long Pin<sup>3</sup>.  
The militia was much  
scared because of the  
activity of the brigands  
and last night were  
on the qui vive all  
night.

Several of the <sup>Cochis</sup>  
are suffering from  
sore shoulders. The  
officials at Ched Jia  
Geo and Li Long  
Pin have been very  
friendly.

We got a good catch  
of insects yesterday  
and today.

We got up at daybreak  
and travelled to Shape so.  
There was hard climbing  
part of the way, ~~the~~  
The netters had a  
gracus with a nest of

July 27.

large washes or yellow-  
jackets, and we  
got along above the  
one, at first the  
people of Shang S  
were very suspicious,  
but they gradually became  
very friendly and  
invited us to make  
our headquarters  
in one of the public  
schools, where it  
is quite convenient  
and clean.

This will be a lean  
year for collecting,  
one of the leanest  
I have had, but  
we will do our best.

I sent the ~~man~~  
guide to the Miao  
Country to get  
into touch with

the Miao's, who are  
good hunters, and in  
whose region hunting  
and collecting ought  
to be best.

July 28. The moon is our arch  
enemy this trip. It is now  
at full moon, and out  
practically all night,  
making night-moth  
catching impossible. There  
is not much to catch during  
the day time excepting  
bees and wasps.

Today we moved  
to So 2 Slim' Shu, a  
better place and  
center from which to  
work. I am trying  
to hard to get into  
touch with the Chuan  
Miao aborigines so  
as to hire some of  
their hunters.

This morning I came to this town and interviewed the head officer of the village. He assured me it would be all right for me to move here and occupy a temple. I went back to Hangfu and moved everything here. The female Buddhist in the temple went on a great trade about our occupying the temple but know she is as nice as pie.

July 29. This morning at daybreak I sent a messenger into the Miao Country. He returned with no results. I wanted to get an invitation to stay among them and to get their hunters working.

I then went up myself after awhile of meeting some old friends. I visited several homes, and then the school. I was given a royal welcome at the Miao school. All the pupils lined up and saluted and sang a special song of welcome they had made up. They used flags or banners, and a bugle. There were many visitors. One of the head Miao invited us to stay at his house. Then I returned for dinner at the temple. After this Mr. Prudbeal, all the officials and gentry of the town came to the temple to visit. I showed them the guns.

I saw only one bird worth shooting and it was behind a limb so I did not get it. We got a good catch of bees, but not a great deal else. Two delegates from the Miao called urging me to go into their district. We received an invitation from the teachers and educational officers of So Biaw to call on them. I am going there tomorrow. Next day I will move to the Miao home.

One reason I am going to So Biaw is to secure money sufficient to us.

The moon came up at 8 o'clock

Tonight so we got a few night insects. Box 349 insects from Kangshui district, near So Shin Hu, alt 1600 to 2200 feet. Box 350 same as above. July 30. Went to So Biaw to secure money but was unsuccessful. Secured it later in the day at So Shin Hu. Had a very fine welcome at the school, and got other important people visited the "white men's graves" on nearby cliffs and took notes and pictures etc. Returned late & only a fair catch of insects, and one snake.

31 Several Miao came to act as guides, to lead us to the home of the Lehar Miao, Mr. Far, at the top

of the hill the school  
children and teacher  
marched out with  
flags and bugle to  
welcome us and  
escorted us to the home  
of Mr. & Cio.

This is the poorest  
year for catching insects  
I have seen. Positively,  
it is a lean year.

The settlers put out  
traps in the woods  
last night. We use  
the night lanterns  
every night, but  
the stars are very  
bright, and the results  
are very meager.

There are lots of  
fossils, and we are  
gathering some  
but of course they

are very heavy, and  
complicate the matter  
of transportation.  
The collectors are very  
disappointed and  
complain of the ill luck  
fabled trees 351-3 insects  
from the Kongshieh  
district.

July 1. The Chinese man  
gave me a great ceremonial  
welcome today. Fourteen  
years ago I was instrumental  
in starting the first  
primary school among them  
here, and it is still  
thriving. A graduate has  
finished high school.  
The nearly Chinese  
was present. There  
was singing, exercises  
by the students, folks  
dancing, &c. The

have worked hard all day,  
a good snake was caught.  
Last night at Fort Bias  
there was a fight between  
brigands and the  
militia. The brigand  
escaped. Shootin' was  
not admirable today.

The collectors are  
putting out more  
traps tonight. So  
far night & mth  
catching has been  
very unfruitful,  
because of unfavorable  
weather.

Aug 2. We are positively having  
the worst luck I  
have ever had  
collecting. There seem  
to be no wild mountain  
mice and practically  
no other mammals

here. The insects  
are scarce, and  
they do not come to  
the night lanterns.  
Several times there  
have been thunder  
storms in the after-  
noon, as there was  
today, but always  
the stars shine  
brightly at night.  
We are getting more  
bees and wasps than  
anything else.  
The altitude here  
is 3000 feet.

Aug 3. Got a few insects and  
one snake. Another  
heavy thunder and  
rain storm this  
afternoon, and again  
tonight the stars  
are shining brightly.

Fuck is certainly  
against us this year.

Aug 4. For the first time  
tonight we have had  
a tiny bit of luck.  
Some fine moths have  
come to the night  
lanterns.

We are planning to  
go to Mt. Omei and  
see what we can  
catch on the way  
to the top of Mt. Omei.  
Maybe we can have  
better luck there.

Aug 5. Last night for the first  
time the sky was very  
cloudy, there was thunder  
and rain and moths  
came to the lanterns.  
The collectors were  
delighted and want  
to delay our departure.

We got some strange  
looking moths quite  
a few of which were large.  
I filled Box 354,  
possils from the  
limestone hills near  
Kongshien.

Mr. San took the gun  
and went hunting. I spent  
much time packing  
specimens. We dried  
three boxes of insects.  
They are

Boxes no 355-357,  
insects.

I also filled several  
boxes with bottled insects,  
but am not numbering  
them yet.

I killed three birds  
and Mr. San several.

Aug 7. We got some good day insects today, several snakes, and two bats. Tonight the stars are out.  
Filled Box 358, insects alt 3000 feet.

Aug 8. We went to Lo Shin Hw, and there took boat to Yang Fo. It was an exceedingly hot day and would have killed off several coolies if they had carried all the way to Di Lang P'u, where we are tonight. As it is, one coolie is laid off because of the heat.

It has not rained here for a long time, so insects are few. We got

a small number on the way.

The gang of brigands who were at Fo Biao a few days ago are now in this vicinity. They are in sufficient distance of us tomorrow. We will therefore have a military escort. We had one this morning, as we passed a spot where robbers occasionally appear.

Today I saw one of the strangest phenomena that I ever saw. If I had not actually seen it I would have doubted it. The sky was clear almost everywhere, and the very few clouds to be seen anywhere were so thin you could see

the blue sky through them.  
But it rained, and there  
was a large and brilliant  
rainbow to the northeast.  
It barely sprinkled where  
we were, but there were  
no clouds above us  
for a long distance.

Aug 9. Reached Kongshien. The  
mother of the rubber chief that  
escaped from Sia Biao is in  
captivity at Kongshien. The  
chief and his band are  
not far from here, and were  
striking distance with  
his band today, but I had  
a good escort and he  
did not strike. I am to  
have a good soldier's escort  
tomorrow. The chief would  
doubtless like to get hold  
of a foreigner for a ransom,  
demanding the release

of his mother, &c. It behoves  
the officials to set me out safely.  
The local official has been  
very friendly.

There is a regular drought  
here now, and insects are  
very scarce. This excursion  
is much like that to  
Pingyuenfu a few years ago.

Aug 10. The drought continues.  
The weather is extremely hot.

We got up very early and  
got 50 li to Kao Tso Chiao  
by 12 o'clock. After that  
we travelled slowly to  
Sa Ho E. Mr. Fan, one  
of the collectors, went  
to his home at Shui  
guin Si and rejoined  
us at Sa Ho E today.

He met a man that  
had just been robbed  
by three brigands.  
We have a fine

escort of ten soldiers.  
There are been few  
incidents in those  
sections now.

Aug 11. We got up very early and reached Yoh Keo by three o'clock, and San Juary by 12, a o'clock, sun by four o'clock. Spent the night in the Pumpkins home but left all the baggage in the godown of the Steamship Company. Had a good bath.

Aug 12. After breakfast I went to the steamer, bought tickets, and got all the baggage onto the steamer. The steamer started off about eleven o'clock. This was a very large steamer, the Min Chiang. We reached Jidz Chi where we spent the night. The weather was cool and cloudy.

Aug 13. The steamer started at daybreak. an uneventful trip to Kiating.

We got to Kiating just at dusk. We had a hard time settling with the coolies and boatmen, and finally getting coolies to the mountains. Stayed at Jenseens.

Aug 14. Went to Omieishien and stayed for the night in little Buddhist temple just outside the south gate of Omieishien.

Fixed the gasoline lanterns and part preserve in the benzene lanterns.

15 Reached Shin Kai Shu about 12 o'clock noon. Prepared collectors for a trip. A fair

catch of night moths.

Aug 16. Sent the four collectors off on collecting trips, the Pen brothers to the top of the mountain and Fan and Yau to the Si<sup>2</sup> Lin. Spent most of the day getting ready.

17. Ho and Ben, the two collectors who went to Kueichow and Yunnan, arrived today. They report a moderate catch.

18. I went hunting with the shotgun and secured only one bird. The moon is coming out, so the catch of night moths is slim. Gen watched the light all night until daylight last night.

19.

Rain and fog

20.

Filled Box 357, insects from Shin Kai Shi mt onei

Boxes 360-61, boxes of insects from Shin Kai Shi mt onei in small bottles.

Boxes 362-3 Boxes of insects from Shin Kai Shi Aug 15-20, 1934

Yau returned from the Si<sup>2</sup> Lin<sup>2</sup> and the two Pen brothers from the Golden Summit, with their catches. The Pen brothers report a good catch of snakes and insects.

Yesterday we secured a coral or a small barking deer, or mountain goat. Mammal no 1361

Filled boxes 364-7,  
Insects from mount  
Amei. Yesterday I  
mailed nine boxes  
of specimens.

Scanned mammal 1362  
a male small deer.

23 Looked over the deer hides  
a box of insects came from  
the Si Li Pin; Box  
No 368

23 Filled Box 369, from  
Shin Kai Si, Mt  
Amei, and elsewhere  
on Mt Amei.

Mr. San and Yao  
are collecting at the  
Si Li Pin. The other  
collectors are working  
here. The catch is not  
large each day, last  
night there was a  
thunderstorm and after

two o'clock we got a few  
night moths. It is now  
full moon nearly all the  
night, so night moth-  
catching is not very  
fruitful.

24 Mailed specimens to  
Shanghai.

25. Filled Boxes 370-371,  
animal bones, value \$1.00 each  
4. or salt Boxes 372-3,  
animal skins, value  
\$1.00 each.

Mr. San and Yao  
returned from the Si Li Pin  
with a small number of  
specimens including two  
boxes of insects and two  
good snakes.

26 Filled boxes 374-5,  
Insects from the Si Li Pin  
Mt Amei alt 6000 to 7000 ft.  
Filled Box 376, insects in  
cotton & forsets etc.

Purchased a female deer or mountain goat without horns, and a black monkey that is nearly grown.

27. Traded total of 22 boxes of specimens.  
Skinned female deer,  
Mammal 1363  
Male monkey, black, 1364.  
Spent much time packing to go down the mountain.
28. I had to go to Amneishien, to secure money for the trip, and we all spent the day getting ready for the trip to Chengtu. There are rumors that the military governor of Szechuan may be removed, and civil war may ensue. We packed

Carefully all the specimens net & set forwarded to Shanghai.  
29 Went overland to Feng Shui min and by boat to Kiating. We had been promised money for the trip to Chengtu by the Bank of Chissai and when we went to get the notes they were changing bank notes that could not be used at all. I had to get money from the Post Office, but finally succeeded in doing so.

I have a very large boat, a fine one that does not leak. The six collectors take a lot of space.

30. We started by moonlight before daybreak, and made 90 li to Han Yang Ba.

- Sept 1, 2. Travelled up the Min River above Mei Chow towards Chengtu.
- Sept 3. Reached Jiayu K'eo.
4. Travelled 50 li to F'u<sup>2</sup> Jia<sup>1</sup> Ba 4 (nearby) crossed several bad rapids, made worse by the large number of boats trying to cross.
5. Made good speed
6. Reached Chengtu by rending all baggage overland.
7. Much unpacking.
8. Worked with specimens and accounts
9. Today I looked over the skins purchased last summer and find them in a much better condition than I expected. I will ship them as soon as I can.

10. Sent the netter Yao<sup>\*</sup> to Kuanshien. Some of the Yunnan insects were dried in the oven.
11. Prepared to send the netter Ren to Beih fuli. Packed and labelled some of the specimens from Kueichow and Yunnan Province.
- I find that the summer collection is strong in snakes and frogs, and lizards and insects in particular, but rather weak in dried insects, birds, and mammals.
12. Spent much time labelling specimens in bottles. Ren left for Beih fuli.

- 13 wrapped two small boxes  
for shipping
- 14 wrapped five insect  
boxes for shipping  
Box 377 contains  
animal bones, value 4.00  
Box 378 contains  
animal bones,  
value \$ 6.00  
Box 379 contains a  
white panda skin,  
~~no 1347~~ value \$ 15.00  
Box 380 contains Box  
value 10.00  
Box 381 contains a wild  
ox skin <sup>(no 1344)</sup> value 20.00  
Box 382 contains a  
white panda skin value  
\$ 15.00 no 1348  
Box 383 contains a  
white panda skin, no  
1349 \$ 15.00  
Box 384 contains a

- wild ox skin value 20.00  
no 1344
- 15 Filled Box 375, snakes  
value \$ 3.00, also  
Boxes 386-8, snakes,  
value \$ 3.00 each.  
mailed seven boxes  
of specimens.
- I am trying to  
get the specimens on  
hand shipped away  
as rapidly as possible.
- Boxes 389-92 Insects  
from Chengtu July and  
August 1934
- 16 Labelled boxes  
393 - 399 all  
insects from Chengtu  
Szechuan China, alto  
1700 feet, (1700 ft)  
July and Aug 1934.  
also wrapped eleven boxes  
of insects for shipping

- 17 Filled boxes 405 to 405,  
 Insects from Kueichow  
 and Yunnan provinces;  
 and wrapped them.
- 18 Filled boxes 406 - 411  
 mailed six boxes of  
 specimens.
- 19 Mailed eleven boxes  
 Filled Boxes 412 - 422  
 snakes, lizards and  
 frogs - value \$3 each.  
 Mailed eleven  
 boxes of specimens.
- 20 Filled boxes 423 - 432  
 Snakes, lizards, frogs &c.  
 also snails.  
 Mailed 10 boxes of  
 specimens
- 21 Mailed 12 boxes  
 of specimens,  
 packed  
 Box 433, snake  
 Box 434, insects
- Box 435, frogs.  
 436 snakes and lizard  
 437 snakes  
 438 frogs  
 439-440 insects
- 22 Mailed twelve  
 boxes of specimens  
 packed boxes  
 441 - 443, insects  
 444 - 446, snakes.
- 24 Mailed 11 boxes,  
 labelled and packed  
 Boxes 447, snakes  
 448-50, insects
- 25 Labelled and packed  
 boxes 451 - 464  
 insects in bottles.  
 Mailed ten boxes  
 of specimens
- Today mailed 10  
 boxes of specimens
- 26 I bought a snow leopard  
 skin, at \$30.00, a low  
 price mammal no 1365

Packed this in Box 365.  
The Snow leopard  
is a rare species  
found on the high  
mountains on the  
China - Tibetan border.

The Netter Yaot  
came back from  
Kuangshien  
with four boxes of  
insects. Boxes, no.  
\$66-464. altitude  
from 2,000 to 3,000 feet.  
Filled Box #70, animal  
skeletons.

Box #71, Insects and frogs.

Packed oranges  
#72, snakes and  
frogs.

#73, 2 animal skins

#74 frog

#75 10 babies

#76 snakes

Sept 28

Oct 1.

477 Insects  
478 Snakes and Snails  
30 I am sending a  
shipment of eight  
boxes of skins and  
bones to Shanghai to  
be forwarded to the  
United States.

I am dropping  
one of my collectors  
to save expenses.

Labeled birds and  
mammals no

1366, Rat from Shih men  
Kai Kuachow province

1367, 1368, 1369 rats  
from the same place.

also 1370

Labeled some birds  
from Shih men Kai  
Kuachow Province  
China.

Ron returned from  
Beihai Hia.

- Oct 5. got Yao from Chua ready for a collecting trip.  
Ren left Oct 6 Tuesday & Wednesday Jr. Beh-fuh him again.
- Oct 8 Skinner & I went to Yin Shin wan on a collecting trip. Ren joined us & we both went collecting insects.
- Oct 9 Filled Box 479-481, insects from Beh-fuh Hin, Southern China  
Boxes 482-484, Birdsskins
- " 10 Filled Box 485, Bird skeletons. value \$3.00  
Box 486, Birdsskins mts 10,000

- " Oct 17 I am continuing to Dr. Wetmore's diary until July 6, 1934, please c.
- This diary should be mailed before long.
- " 18 Yao returned today with some insects and a few frogs. almost every day has been cold and rainy.
- 19 Filled boxes 487-490, insects from Kuanshien.
- 20 Mailed twelve boxes of specimens, one large, to the Smithsonian Institution.
- 21 Filled Boxes 491-3, Insects from Beh-fuh Hin altitude 5000 feet  
Boxes 494-7, frogs.  
498, insects possibly Beh-fuh Hin  
The collector Gen returned

yesterday from Bob Juhoflin.  
Oct 27. we mailed eight  
packages of specimens.  
Ren is starting soon now  
~~on~~ another collecting  
trip.

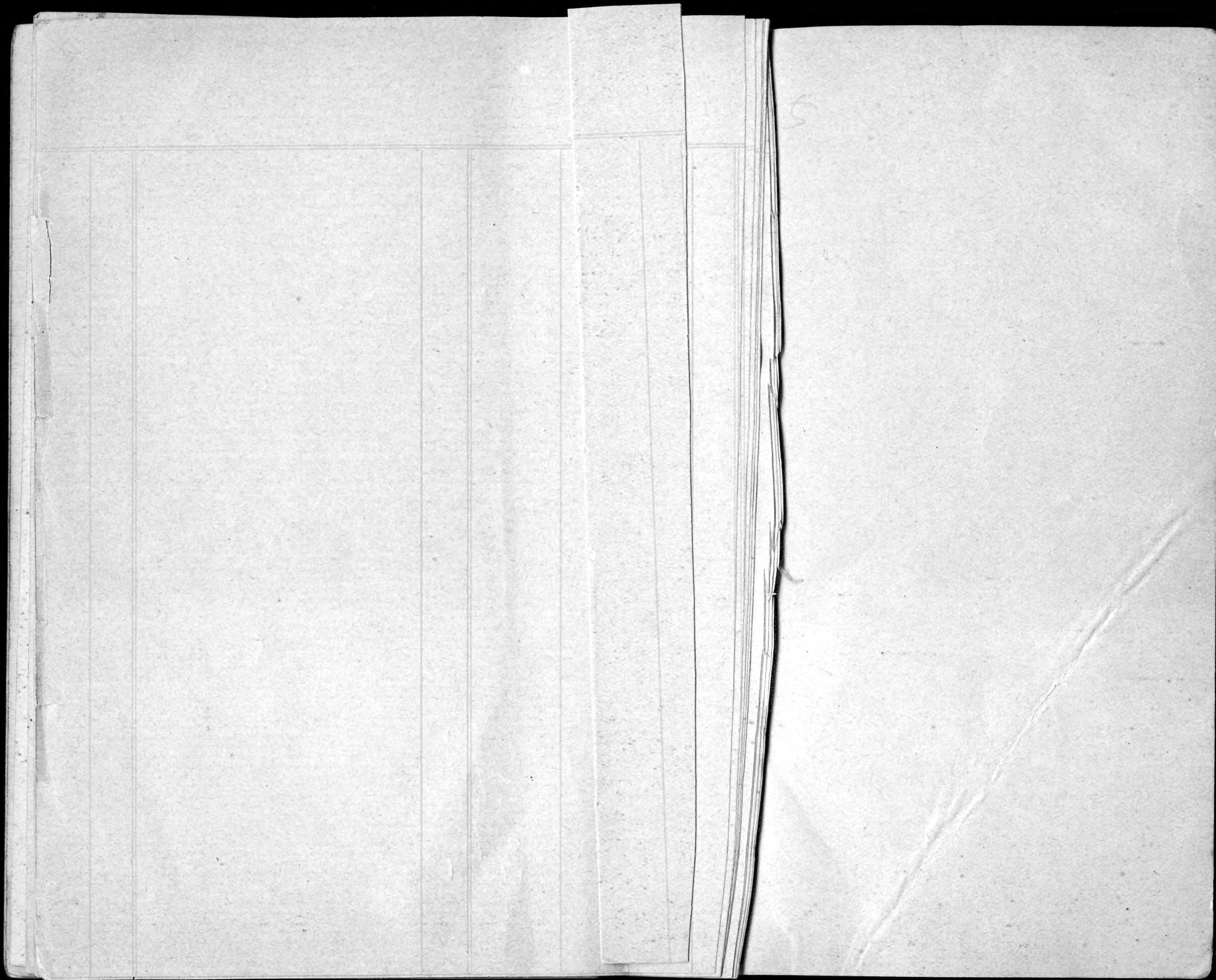
Oct 30 I have just checked  
up to date the  
financial account.  
I am absolutely  
flabbergasted to  
know that I have  
used more money  
than there is on  
hand at Shanghai.  
I shall have to further  
cut down the  
collecting for the  
present, and do  
it on a smaller  
scale.

Oct 31 I have sent two airmail  
letters to Dr. Wetmore  
inquiring how well  
the situation and  
am mailing a lot of  
receipts tomorrow.

I shall have to carry  
the expenses of collecting  
out of my own pocket  
until the next  
check arrives from  
Washington D.C.

I will mail this  
soon so that there  
will be in Washington D.C.  
an account of the  
summer collecting trip.

I have kept no  
copies of Diaries B, C.D.  
If there are duplicate  
copies in Washington D.C.  
that can be shared,  
& I appreciate them.



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